

## .. PREFERRED STOCK ..

**Tender Cut Stringless Beans**  
These are extra fine  
**3 Cans for 50 Cents.**

**ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.**

Good Goods Our Specialty.

### Local Brevities.

Home-made sauerkraut, 5c per lb.  
Astoria Grocery Co.

The public schools resumed yesterday after a two weeks vacation.

Special inducements offered in dress and walking skirts this week at Foard & Stokes Co.

Special inducements offered in cook stoves and air-tight heaters this week at Foard & Stokes Co.

Today is the last day to pay water rates and avoid the penalty of 25 cents charged all delinquents.

The water rates are due and payable next Tuesday, January 10. If not paid the usual rule will be enforced.

Our large stock of Reliable Footwear will be sold this month at a great reduction. Don't miss it. Wherity, Ralston & Co.

Great reduction in dry goods and clothing will be made during the month of January at our annual sale, now going on. C. H. Cooper.

C. J. Trenchard has leased the building at 133 Ninth street, formerly occupied by C. A. May, and will open a commission and brokerage office.

Oscar Walsanen filed a petition in the probate court yesterday asking to be appointed guardian of Tiltie Knutson, who has been adjudged insane. The hearing is set for February 6.

Washington's birthday will be celebrated by the Sons of Herman with a grand masquerade ball to be given on Wednesday, February 22. A customer will arrive from Portland with a complete new line of masquerade suits.

The common council acted wisely last night for the removal of the unsightly bill boards that are a disgrace to the city.

The new mill of the Howell Salingie Company of Skamokawa will start up this morning with a crew of 30 men. The mill has a capacity of about 250,000 shingles a day. Only first class cedar shingles will be manufactured.

There is no complaint about business at the Star saloon. Good goods and courteous treatment will draw trade to any first-class saloon. That's what makes business good at the Star. The best is none too good for our customers.

John Juhlal, a young man 25 years of age, died in Uniontown last night of heart failure. He recently came here from Wyoming. His friends in Wyoming have been notified and no arrangements will be made for the funeral until they are heard from.

The city board of equalization met yesterday afternoon to equalize the assessments for the improvement of Duane street between Fourteenth and Seventeenth and of Franklin avenue between Thirty-sixth and Forty-third streets. A number of protests were filed but disallowed.

The Rolston club was reorganized last evening at Fishers' hall. About 50 persons were present, 46 of whom joined. Monday and Thursday evenings were decided upon as meeting nights. Miss Kirchoff was elected musician.

Alkens & Jones, who have been conducting the Bee Hive for the past year, have sold the business to M. S. Copeland who will conduct it in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland arrived in the city yesterday and are taking stock. As soon as completed, the store will be opened under the new management.

The proceedings of the common council were continued last evening by an Irish wake held in the basement of the sanctuary where the council meetings are held. Superintendent Kearney and his man Friday, Jimmie Hanford, were excused from further attendance on the meeting so as to attend the wake.

The case of Urgef Omet, who has brought suit to divorce John B. Yeon from \$100,000 for alienating the affections of his wife, came up in the circuit court of Portland yesterday on a demurrer to the complaint. The demurrer was overruled and Yeon will have to explain to a jury his infatuation for another man's wife.

A. Rickards filed a petition in the city auditor's office yesterday asking the common council to place an electric light at the foot of Ninth street. The petition sets forth that a number of accidents have occurred there and it is dangerous. It also recites the fact that the boats that land there expend about \$5000 a month for supplies in Astoria.

Some little children lit a candle in one of the rooms of the second floor of the Astoria hotel on Seventeenth street Sunday. The bed caught fire and the children ran out of the room, but said nothing. Smoke was discovered issuing from the window and Mr. Broemser and assistants went to the room and threw the bed and bedding out of the window.

The preliminary examination of I. D. Jones upon a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, will be called in the justice court this morning. Jones was employed at the Seaside saw mill and was given a time check, which was left at the mill office subject to the order of Edw. Johnson, a restaurant keeper. He also gave Dresser & Co. an order for the same check, which they secured and cashed, leaving Johnson minus a good sized board bill. He skipped out and was only located last week.

George C. Flanders, Portland representative of the Standard Oil Company, accompanied by C. A. Watson of San Francisco, general manager of the company, arrived in the city yesterday. They will probably let a contract for building one or more oil tanks on the property recently purchased by the company at the foot of Fifth street. As the common council has taken no action to prevent the erection of the oil tanks they probably will not be molested. A big fire may possibly result in the passage of ordinances protecting the property in that vicinity.

The Seaside train does not stop at the Parker house, but a young man who wanted to go to this popular summer resort made an effort to board the train. He caught hand rail but his feet did not connect with the steps. He was dragged quite a distance and struck the guard rail which broke his hold and he fell into the river. The conductor saw him fall and stopped the train and backed up to where he went overboard. He climbed up on a ladder, but concluded to postpone his summer outing until he could secure a dry suit of clothes. He refused to give his name but will probably board the train at the depot in the future.

### SHERIFF GETS MAN

**Finds Stolen Jewelry in Room of Suspect.**

**WILLIAM F. AUSTIN IN TOILS**

**Valuable Cuff Buttons Had Been Secreted in a Hole in the Wall of Seaside House—Austin Denies the Theft.**

Sheriff Linville returned last night from Seaside with a prisoner who bids fair to be an important capture. His name is William F. Austin, and he was wanted in connection with the raising of a check issued by the Stinson Milling Company. There was little evidence against Austin, excepting the statement of the man who raised the check and insists Austin helped him.

The sheriff, however, found a young man who said he had lost a pair of valuable cuff buttons and had reason to think that Austin might have stolen them because he had been in his room a few days before.

A search of the man's room was made, and high up on the wall, in a crack in the paper was found the cuff buttons done up in an envelope which Austin subsequently admitted was his though he denied taking the buttons.

The envelope bore a woman's name with a California address and the officers hope to learn even more of Austin.

The sheriff brought his man and the raised check back with him. The check was originally drawn for \$8 but had been made to read \$58 by the insertion of a word and a figure. The forgery was detected at once because ink of a different color to that first used had been employed to trace all of the writing over on the check and the work in places was clumsily done.

City Surveyor Tee is officiating as auditor and police judge during the illness of Auditor Anderson. A couple presented themselves to Mr. Tee yesterday armed with a marriage license and requested his honor to perform the ceremony. Judge Tee gazed upon the happy couple through his specs, made a preliminary survey with a view of assessing the benefits and damages and sent them to the board of assessors to confirm the assessment. Not having read up on Hoyle's domestic relations, he referred the couple to Judge Goodman.

Bids will be opened Friday, at the office of Lighthouse Inspector Heilner for repairs to the Columbia river lightship, which was brought inside Saturday. The work to be done on her consists largely of the nature of an overhauling of her machinery. New tubing will be placed in the boilers and other labor performed in the engine room, in addition to small work on other parts of the vessel. Specifications were sent out today. The vessel will remain at Astoria until the award is made.

As soon as she is in readiness the Columbia river bar dredge Chinook will steam to San Francisco as the Risdon Iron Works of that city has been awarded the contract for the repairs to the "digger." Revised estimates showing the cost of sending the steamer to the Bay City were \$3000, which will cover the expenses of the trip both ways. The bid of the Risdon Iron Works was \$21,319, the lowest of all tenders, and Portland's best price was \$25,349, the bid submitted by the Willamette Iron & Steel Works.

Well filled houses are the order of the day at the Star theater this week on account of the excellent program offered by Manager Gurrutz. One of the deans of the vaudeville circuit is Gus Leonard, who has one of the most quaintly amusing "stunts" that has been put on for a long time. If you want to know how many of the tricks of "magicians" are done, go to see Leonard—he exposes them. Otto Lane, the singing comedian who missed his train connection at Goble yesterday, will be on today's program. He comes from Seattle well recommended. The "Garden" trio received much applause yesterday, and Dodd's dog circus got an ovation. The bill, on the whole, is a very fine one and is receiving the patronage it merits. The illustrated songs and moving pictures are particularly good this week.

#### A BIG RUSH.

A large number of bargain hunters have already crowded Herman Wise's Clothing Store; fortunately Mr. Wise's stock of fine overcoats and suits for Men and Boys is so large that a great many more smart buyers can get suited without trouble; this is certainly the greatest sale of fine goods in Oregon. Don't wait too long and be sorry later. NOW is the time to get special Bargains at Herman Wise's big Clothing shop. WISE knows how.

### THIRD ANNUAL

## January

### Clearance Sale

#### GREAT BARGAINS IN WAISTS

Our entire waist stock to go at one-half price.

\$1.00 Waists ..... .50  
1.50 Waists ..... .75  
2.00 Waists ..... 1.25  
2.50 Waists ..... 1.75  
3.00 Waists ..... 2.00

#### BOYS' CLOTHING

Great selling of boys' winter clothing. Prices reduced lower than ever.

\$6.00 Suits ..... \$4.00  
5.00 Suits ..... 3.50  
4.00 Suits ..... 2.50  
3.00 Suits ..... 1.95  
2.50 Suits ..... 1.48

#### GREAT BARGAINS IN SUITS AND COATS

Unrestricted choice of our entire line of ladies' Coats and Suits at prices never before heard of in the history of cloak and

suit selling in Astoria.

\$15.00 Suits at ..... \$ 8.00  
17.50 Suits at ..... 9.50  
20.00 Suits at ..... 11.50  
25.00 Suits at ..... 14.48  
30.00 Suits at ..... 17.50

#### CHILDREN'S COATS

One-half Price on all Misses and Children's Coats. We are determined to carry nothing over. So come early and get the cream of the coat stock at one-half price.

\$10.00 Coats ..... \$5.00  
9.00 Coat ..... 4.50  
8.00 Coat ..... 4.00  
7.00 Coat ..... 3.50  
6.00 Coat ..... 3.00  
5.00 Coat ..... 2.50

#### FINE LACES

This lot comprises an assortment of laces from 3 to 6 inches wide that always retail at 10c to 15c and 20c a yard, your choice of the lot and as many yards as you want ..... 5c yard

## Morse Department Store

508-510 Commercial St.

Where Everybody Likes to Trade

### Clearance Sale...

ON BOOKS AND PICTURES



THIS WEEK

SVENSEN'S BOOK STORE

## Special Offer!

# White Maple Bed Room Suits

# \$17.50

These Bed Room Suits are all well made, have French Plate Mirrors and are a bargain for the price.

**CHAS. HEILBORN & SON**  
For Fine Furniture.

## Come and See!

It will be worth your while to call and examine our stock. We will sell all our

**High Grade Footwear 10 per cent Discount**

**And Broken Lots at 25 per Cent.**

**Wherity, Ralston & Company**

Money Savers in Footwear.

**THE** holiday season over, the Big Store, with its immense corps of efficient helpers, is busily engaged in the work of readjusting stock preparatory to our annual stock taking, which takes place the last of this month. You'll find this a very opportune time to supply yourself with every household need at a considerable saving. We haven't the time nor the space to enumerate the many bargains that are here awaiting you. Just drop in and take a look. **You will find a perfect cavalcade of irresistible values here to greet you.**

## SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS

offered in Cooking Stoves and Air-tight Heaters.

Let us send you a Bonetia Sewing Machine on trial. Your credit is good. Price, \$30.00; \$5.00 down, \$1.00 a week.

**FOARD & STOKES CO.**

Astoria's Greatest Store